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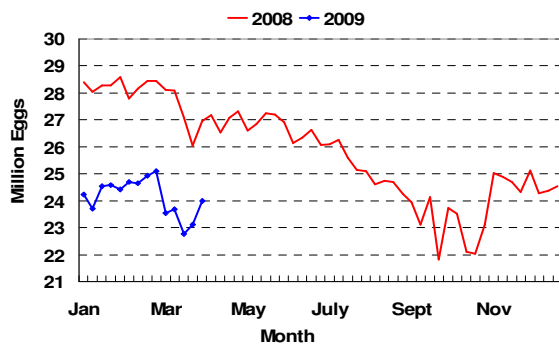
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### Arkansas Chick Placements Down 8 Percent from Last Year

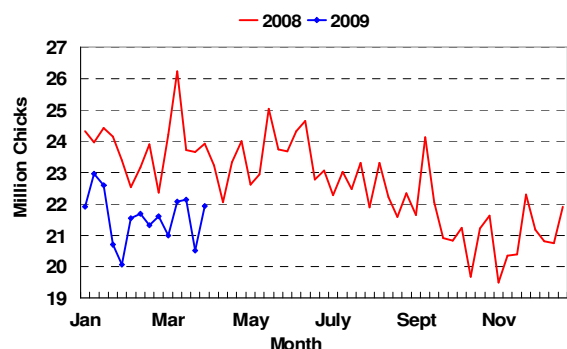
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 21.9 million during the week ending April 4, 2009. Placements were down 8 percent from the comparable week in 2008 but up 7 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 24.0 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending April 4, 2009, down 11 percent from the same period last year but up 4 percent from the previous week.

Eggs Set In Arkansas, 2008-2009



Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2008-2009



### Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, March 7, 2009 - April 4, 2009

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	7-Mar	14-Mar	21-Mar	28-Mar	4-Apr	7-Mar	14-Mar	21-Mar	28-Mar	4-Apr
	<i>Thousand</i>					<i>Thousand</i>				
Alabama	29,162 *	28,809 *	29,954 *	29,563 *	29,562	20,959 *	19,961 *	20,008 *	20,203 *	19,932
<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>23,538</b>	<b>23,680 *</b>	<b>22,773</b>	<b>23,120</b>	<b>23,990</b>	<b>20,983</b>	<b>22,082</b>	<b>22,138</b>	<b>20,525</b>	<b>21,941</b>
Delaware	3,558	3,525	3,454	3,559	3,469	4,846	4,517	5,014	4,872 *	5,211
Florida	975	982 *	970	980	946	741	724	704	703	707
Georgia	31,715	31,979 *	30,699	31,392	31,735	26,442	27,577	28,238	26,760 *	27,232
Kentucky	7,619 *	7,849 *	7,719 *	7,839 *	7,621	6,735 *	6,144 *	7,019 *	6,460 *	5,877
Louisiana	2,230	2,230	2,230	2,230	2,230	3,240	3,196	3,465	1,909	1,901
Maryland	8,851	9,204	8,572	8,910	9,053	5,364	6,158	6,640	6,267 *	6,088
Mississippi	18,035	18,280 *	17,779	17,624	17,870	16,579	16,793	16,762	16,724 *	17,067
N. Carolina	19,105	19,241 *	19,011	18,798	19,075	15,024	15,062	15,462	15,458	15,964
Oklahoma	6,963	6,546 *	6,653	6,747 *	6,949	5,373	4,282	3,292	4,616 *	4,069
Pennsylvania	4,148	4,057	3,804 *	3,856 *	3,975	2,796	3,250	3,263 *	3,183 *	3,177
S. Carolina	5,436	5,941	5,805	5,431	5,799	4,844	4,659	4,602	4,500	4,359
Texas	15,638 *	15,544 *	15,383 *	15,394 *	15,329	13,350 *	13,299 *	13,301 *	13,278 *	13,285
Virginia	6,062	6,178 *	5,989	6,170 *	6,179	4,885	4,873	4,308	4,607	4,764
CA,MO,TN&WV	19,110 *	19,001 *	19,443 *	18,551 *	19,797	15,365 *	16,942	16,377 *	16,962 *	17,401
19 State Total	202,145 *	203,046 *	200,238 *	200,164 *	203,579	167,526 *	169,519 *	170,593 *	167,027 *	168,975
Prev. Year Total	219,337	219,153	215,850	214,627	217,082	179,798	180,426	181,091	180,372	181,007
% of Prev. Year	92	93	93	93	94	93	94	94	93	93

\* Revised in current week.

### Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 6 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 4, 2009. This was down 6 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### Broiler Chicks Placed Down 7 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 4, 2009. Placements were down 7 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through April 4, 2009 were 2.35 billion, down 6 percent from the same period a year earlier.